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Mr. Stephen Clitzmen
Assistant Director
Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications
Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Clitzmen:

The enclosed are comments I have received regarding Private Radio Docket 92-235 from my constituents. I would greatly appreciate your including these concerns in the official comments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aloha pumehana,

Daniel K. Akaka

DANIEL K. AKAKA
U. S. Senator

Enclosures

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Dear Senator Akaka:

WEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

93 FEB 3 AM 10:12
I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own FIVE radios, FOUR R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby is approximately \$3,000.00.
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. A primary safety precaution involves the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies at any site where we operate. The proposed addition of these new user frequencies greatly reduces our margin of safety.

I am greatly disturbed that the FCC seeks to expand the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

PLEASE HELP ME to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993. After this date, it will become more difficult to stop these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Lum
PAUL K. LUM

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka:

93 FEB - 5 PM 1:57

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are highly sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own 4 radios, 6 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby is approximately \$ 4,000.^c

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-225. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and in

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
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I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

93 FEB -8 AM 11:11

February 2, 1993

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ben E. King
4138-1 Keanu Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810

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Dear Senator Akaka

I am sixty three years old. I am a disabled veteran of the Korean war. I am a resident of Hawaii for twenty seven years and now retired from Pearl Harbor Shipyard. I spend up to sixty pleasurable hours a week in the design, construction and flying of radio controlled aircraft. I presently have about \$4,000.00 invested in equipment and that amount continues to increase.

I am concerned about the proposed rules by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. The new rule would drastically reduce the usability of frequencies for model aircraft and would increase the risk of accidents and liability for radio controlling model aircraft.

Our frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. Our frequencies are far enough from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with the other.

The FCC wants to rearrange the band plan. Many land mobile frequencies would move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to the radio control operations. I understand that of the 50 frequencies that are now available for radio control use, only 19 will remain for our use.

I am concerned that the safety of our operations will be greatly reduced. I am concerned that we will be forced to move into the nineteen safe frequencies. Moving into the safe frequencies would cause real congestion at our flying sites. Moving into the safe frequencies would cause financial hardship in the obsoleting of our existing radio control equipment.

I think it is a mistake for the FCC to improve the operating conditions of business use at the expense of radio control modelers. We have a large investment in our equipment. An industry has been created around our sport. The sport provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself. Remotely piloted aircraft used for observation in Operation Desert Storm were originally developed by members of our sport using sport radio equipment and our existing radio frequencies. Our sport contributes greatly to the aviation industry in general by attracting the attention of young people and educating them in the construction, control, and aerodynamics of aircraft.

I urge you to continue the safe operation of the radio controlled aircraft sport by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ben E. King

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka:

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Sen, I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are highly sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own _____ radios, _____ R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Senator Akaka:

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are highly sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own 4 radios, 4 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby is approximately \$3000⁰⁰.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property.

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka:

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are highly sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own 3 radios, 4 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby is approximately \$ 5000.00.
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Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However.

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Stop the destruction of my hobby.

Sincerely

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Alonzo Ocaranza

February 3, 1993
The Honorable Senator Akaka
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka,

I am a pilot of radio controlled airplanes, a hobby that has provided hours of enjoyment more so now that I'm retired after thirty years of Federal service.

I am therefore very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under

31 January 1993

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Senator Akaka:

I have been flying radio control aircraft since the age of 12 (I'm now 45) and it is one of the loves of my life. I am very concerned about a proposal currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in the band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen W. Michael". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

Stephen W. Michael
47-724 E. Ahuimanu Lp.
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
(808) 239-5690

SEN. FOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka:

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I am greatly disturbed that the FCC seeks to expand the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

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*Don:
Please excuse the form letter.
It says exactly what I feel.
G.C.W.*



GEORGE C. WILKINS
73-1078 AHIKAWA ST.
KAILUA KONA, HI. 96740

Sincerely,

George C. Wilkins

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Senator Akaka:

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Sincerely,

Solomon Kamy

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Senator Akaka:

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. Today's R/C models are highly sophisticated machines weighing as much as 55 lbs., having engines up to 10-12 hp. They are capable of speeds in excess of 100 mph. I personally own 10 radios, 15 R/C models and have a workshop full of equipment necessary to operating my models. My personal investment in this hobby is approximately \$3,000.00.

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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MICHAEL GRAHAM
94-239 Kaholo St.
Mililani, Hi. 96789

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
U.S. Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own 2 radios and 2 airplane R/C models. In addition, I have numerous field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. J. Smith", written over the word "Sincerely,".

SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

93 FEB -9 AM 10:10 David D. Bunker
94-239 Kaholo St.
Mililani, Hi. 96789

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